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SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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H ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GROUP 1043 TO TURN EAST FROM THE ABOVE LOCATION AND PROCEED TO MR 5, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THIS FERRY LANDING AT KM 18 ROUTE 22B IS THE PLACE FROM WHICH TANK GROUP A25A MOVED TO BT 50. (SEE SECTION 8, ITEM 2, 2D PARAGRAPH) GROUP 1043 WAS LAST NOTED ON 29 NOVEMBER IN THE BT 32 AREA AND HAS BEEN OBSERVED WITH AS MANY AS FOURTEEN 37-MM GUNS AND 22 TRUCKS. ELEMENTS OF GROUP 5043 AND 5046 WERE LAST NOTED ON 2 DECEMBER ALONG ROUTE 99 IN THE BT 34 AREA. BOTH 5043 AND 5046 HAVE BEEN OBSERVED WITH ARTILLERY PIECES AND PRIME MOVERS. (3/00 [] R295-72; R299-72; R300-72; R301-72) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS 1. NORTH VIETNAM ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SHOOTDOWN OF AN ALLIED AIRCRAFT ON 9 DECEMBER IN THE BT 18 AREA AND VEHICLE CHECKPOINT REPORTS WERE THE SUBJECTS OF SEVERAL REPORTS FOR 9, 10 AND 11 DECEMBER. ON 10 DECEMBER THE 2D MOTORIZED LAUNCH BATTALION WAS GIVEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING AN AIR- CRAFT THAT WAS SHOTDOWN ON 9 DECEMBER. THE REPORT NOTED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOTDOWN AT 1430(G) AND THAT BOTH PILOTS PARACHUTED OUT OVER THE XUAN BINH/BAI CHANH AREA (BOTH UNLOCATED). THE BATTALION WAS AGAIN INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT A SEARCH IN THIS AREA. IN POSSIBLY RELATED ACTIVITY, BT 18 REPORTS OF THE 10TH DISCLOSED SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED IN THE NGHIA THUAN/ROUTE 48 AREA. SEVERAL F4 AIRCRAFT FLEW OVER THIS AREA BEGINNING AT 0600(G) AND CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY. WHILE THIS ACTIVITY WAS TAKING PLACE AT 1125(G) A HELICOPTER FLEW IN FROM THE WEST AND LANDED IN THIS AREA FOR 15 MINUTES. LATER ANOTHER HELICOPTER FLEW INTO THE SAME AREA AND ALSO REMAINED ON THE GROUND FOR 15 MINUTES. THE NVA SPECULATION WAS THAT THIS ACTIVITY BY THE ENEMYS WAS AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE PILOT(S) THAT WERE SHOTDOWN THE PREVIOUS DAY. IN THE ROAD CHECK POINT REPORTS FROM THE NGHIA DAN/ TAN KY DISTRICTS AREA THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS FOR VEHICLE MOVEMENTS WERE MADE, ON 8 DECEMBER ROUTE 48 155 MOVING SOUTH 72 MOVING NORTH FORTY-FOUR VEHICLES OF MR 559 PASSED THROUGH THE CHECKPOINT WITH COMRADE NINH IN CHARGE; 9 DECEMBER THIRTY-SIX VEHICLES OF MR 559 PASSED THROUGH THE CHECKPOINT WITH COMRADE THAT (THAATJ) IN CHARGE; ON 10 DECEMBER - ROUTE 15A 185 MOVING SOUTH 150 MOVING NORTH ROUTE 48 127 MOVING SOUTH 95 MOVING NORTH IT WAS ALSO REVEALED GROUP 244, COMMANDED BY COMRADE HUONG (HWOWNGS), HAD 15 VEHICLES. GROUP 244 HAS NOT BEEN ADDED TO DECEMBER TOTALS PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION. (3/00 [] R305-72; 2/ [] VCJ/T963-72, 100800Z; 2/ [] VCJ/T4785-72, 082323Z DEC 72; T4811-72, 101515Z DEC 72) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. LAOS STORAGE AREA H2 IN THE BT 35 AREA HAS BEEN LOCATED. ON 11

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DECEMBER, GROUP 471 INFORMED MR 559 THAT TANKS BELONGING TO GROUP A25A WERE RESTING AT H2 AT KM 90 (XC 770571 15-53N 106-39E), ROUTE 22 (U.S. DESIGNATED ROUTE 99). TANK GROUP A25A HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO BT 50 AND TANK GROUP A25B IS PROBABLY ALSO BEING SENT TO BT 50. ON 11 DECEMBER GROUP 471 REVEALED THAT TANK GROUP A25A HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED THROUGH KM 18, ROUTE 22B (UNLOCATED) AND ON TO BT 50. EARLIER, ON THE 8TH, GROUP 471 REPORTED THAT GROUP A25A HAD 18 TECHNICAL WEAPONS, \$ PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO TANKS, IN THE BT 35 AREA AND THAT 17 OF THEM WERE BEING SENT TO THE R1 STORAGE FACILITY. STORAGE AREA R1 IS UNLOCATED IN THE BT 50 AREA, PROBABLY ON THE SE KONG RIVER. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT A25A LACKED 12 TECHNICAL WEAPONS. \$ XXHH 900 #3968 NNNN

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